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To: Files (HW corr, A3 non-CD), HW, JNS  
Re: Pre-assassination HUAC files on Oswald

The Times-Picayune of 11/24/63, page 21, has a portrait-type story on LHO by Arthur Everett of the AP, from Dallas. He wrote:

"The ~~State~~ House Committee on Un-American Activities lists Oswald in its records as Secretary of the N.O. Chapter" of the FPCC.

(I do not have the clipping - just the above-quoted notes.)

In his letter of 7/2 to me, Harold asked if we already knew this.

I looked into the business of the HUAC files some time ago. Refer to the Archives letter to me of April 30, 1969, and previous correspondence.

All that could be found was under GA-1-Congress. ~~There~~ There was some irrelevant stuff about another Jack Rubenstein who was named in some old Dies Committee reports. I got the routine letter of 1/8/64 that was sent to HUAC, as to other agencies, asking for whatever they had. The reply is a letter of 2/3/64 from Chairman Willis. (See my A3 file.)

Willis said that all material in the "public file" of the Committee was being sent over. The Archives was apparently unable to find this file, although I maybe did not push them hard enough. They did specifically check the "MP" files. Perhaps I should make a F of I request of the Archives; if they still can't find it they might be forced to get a duplicate copy from the Committee. It might be ~~worth~~ worth doing.

Willis also mentioned a pre-assassination inter-office communication "which relates to the activities of X Oswald, as reported to a staff member by telephone." He ~~is~~ offered to send it to Rankin if a subpoena was issued! This may well be a communication from the state department on 6/12/62: see 15H384.

I think the only HUAC CD is CD 697, which is not relevant (except that it does show that HUAC had its own source of the Oswald property inventory.)

Willis' letter does also mention that on 11/23 the chief investigator was instructed to go to Dallas, and that the appointment of the Warren Commission ended the Committee's consideration of an independent investigation.

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